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In re Patent Application of: Yager et al.

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For: MICRO-ELECTROPHORESIS CHIP FOR MOVING AND SEPARATING NUCLEIC ACIDS

AND OTHER CHARGED MOLECULES

Examiner: Jeffrey T. Barton

Art Unit: 1753

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This amendment and response is being filed concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination, and is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 3, 2005, the six-month statutory period for response to which expires on <u>February 3, 2006</u>. A three-month extension of time, extending the period of response to February 3, 2006, is filed concurrently with this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.